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**COUNTY BOARD CHAIRWOMAN MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC INVITES PUBLIC TO A
DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF SOUTH SHORE PARK**
Major Improvements to Water Quality at Beach Planned

Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic will hold a public discussion on the future of South Shore Park at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15 at the South Shore Park Pavilion, 2900 S. Shore Dr. She will be joined by Milwaukee County Parks Director John Dargle at the neighborhood meeting.

Dimitrijevic has worked since elected in 2004 to improve South Shore Park and reopen the public beach. She has brought millions in County funding to her district to repair the break wall, reconstruct and protect the shoreline, and enhance the Oak Leaf Bike Trail. In August of 2014, she helped accept a \$500,000 contribution from MillerCoors which created a public-private partnership to improve water quality at South Shore.

Studies have shown that the main contributor of poor water quality is the runoff from the county-owned parking lot. This has led to an increase in beach closures at South Shore. At Thursday's County Board Meeting, Dimitrijevic successfully secured \$1.6 million in County funding to improve beach water quality by reconstructing the parking lot with porous pavement and installing pollution reduction techniques like rain gardens.

"We in Bay View have been waiting for this moment to arrive. Neighbors involved in the South Shore Park Watch have dedicated time and energy to ensure this great resource at our doorsteps is not wasted. This is a critical step forward in opening up our beach and lakefront for everyone to enjoy and to protect it for future generations. Bay View has seen a great renaissance and a clean, safe beach will take us to the next level," said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic.

The public meeting will also update residents on the progress of the Master Plan for South Shore Park and planned, expanded public concessions.

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